



410 Main Street, East Berlin

1775

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& Elizabeth Treat (1750-1775)

& Huldah Savage (1752-1816)

1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut. Survey # 098

1775 Josiah Wilcox  
Josiah Wilcox House

current owner: George Lawlor

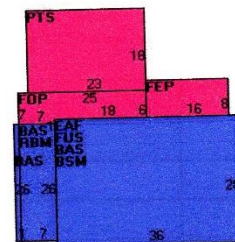
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Sketch

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1775 current owner: Sean & Terry Mahoney



Genealogy

Josiah Wilcox (1750-1835) son of Daniel Wilcox & Sarah White. In 1773 he married Elizabeth Treat (1750-1775) daughter of Stephen & Miriam Treat. In 1777 he married Huldah Savage (1752-1816) daughter of John Savage Jr & Martha Beckley. They had children: Olive, Lemuel, Lyman, Lynda, Huldah, and Hepsibah. He was a Revolutionary war soldier. They are buried in Wilcox Cemetery.

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"GRANDMA HULDAH"  
Mrs. Reuben North



BIRTHPLACE OF LYNDIA AND HULDAH WILCOX IN EAST BERLIN  
House built by Josiah Wilcox about 1779

*Now*



Josiah Wilcox House, Private Residence on Corner of Main St.  
and Ice Pond Lane

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**  
HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION


1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		#098	
		(Historic)	
2. TOWN/CITY		VILLAGE	COUNTY
Berlin		East Berlin	Hartford
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		83-1/144/8	
410 Main Street			
4. OWNER(S)		2 Willowbrook Road	
Lawler, George V.		Cromwell, CT 06416	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Residence		Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	IF YES, EXPLAIN
7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
18th-century Vernacular		c. 1775	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone			
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: <u>Brownstone foundation</u>			
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> Balloon			
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)			
10. ROOF (Type)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> Sawtooth			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)			
(Material)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate <input type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street			
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
2 1/2		34' x 27'	
12. CONDITION (Structural)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated			
13. INTEGRITY (Location)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> WHEN? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden			
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site			
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density			
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			
In semi-rural area south of East Berlin center, near a number of other 18th- and 19th-century dwellings.			

DESCRIPTION



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PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER	DATE
	HRC	11/84
COMPILED BY	VIEW	NEGATIVE ON FILE
	SE	D33
	NAME	DATE
	Historic Resource Consultants	12/84
	ORGANIZATION	
	The Colt Armory	
	55 Van Dyke Avenue	
	Hartford, Connecticut 06108	
20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:		



DESCRIPTION (Continued)	17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)	
	<p>The Josiah Wilcox House has a five-bay facade with a central entry. The trabeated and sidelit entry has plain pilasters, a wide plain frieze and a molded cap. The heavy paneled door has Victorian hardware. Windows are fitted with old 6-over-6 sash; facade windows are paired and offset towards the corners of the house. Second-floor windows are located immediately under the eaves. There are plain corner boards and a hewn overhang across the gable ends. The molded cornice has a partial return at the front only; there is a small central chimney on the ridgeline. The left elevation has a small garage and porch extension. To the rear is an old one-story shed-roofed extension and a c. 1900 porch.</p>	
SIGNIFICANCE	18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
	19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE	
<p>This house is architecturally significant as a good example of an 18th-century central chimney house. An adaptation of traditional English building methods to a land rich in wood and stone, these houses depended on the amount of heat that could be stored in their massive stone and brick chimneys to ward off the cold of New England winters. Typical 18th-century features present here include the symmetrical five-bay facade, the hewn overhangs, the paired offset windows, the location of the second-floor windows under the eaves, and the ridge-parallel orientation. The trabeated entry is a Greek Revival treatment reflecting c. 1830 alterations.</p> <p>Photographic and documentary evidence indicates that this house was probably built by Josiah Wilcox about 1779. In 1771, (continued)</p>		

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